

# Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce

## Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May 2010

Sponsored by:

LLNL Asian Pacific American Council (APAC)  
LLNL Strategic Diversity Program  
Operations and Business Directorate  
Sandia/Livermore Asian Pacific Leadership Committee

### May Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12 12:00-1:00p Keynote speaker-Former Acting Lieutenant Governor of California Mona Pasquill B123 Auditorium (LLNL)	13	14
17	18 12:00p Noodle Contest B940 R1103 (SANDIA)	19 11:45a APAC Scholarship award 12:00-1:00p Judge Nguyen Trong Nho of Orange County B543 Auditorium (LLNL)	20 11:30a-1:00p APAHM Festival Bosquet Area (in front of Central Cafeteria) (LLNL)	21
24	25	26 9:00a Asian Manager Panel 904 Auditorium (SANDIA)	27 12:00p APAHM Festival DISL Patio (SANDIA)	28

# Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) Schedule of Activities, May 2010

**May 12 (LLNL)  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
B123 Auditorium**

**Keynote Speaker  
Former Acting Lieutenant Governor of California  
Mona Pasquil**



Mona Pasquil was appointed Acting Lieutenant Governor on November 4, 2009. Prior to this appointment, she served as Chief of Staff to former Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi.

For nearly three decades, Pasquil has served as a senior advisor and strategist in numerous state and federal government offices, political campaigns and private companies. With a hands-on, open-door, can-do leadership style, Pasquil has successfully engineered four presidential, three gubernatorial, and numerous local campaigns across the country. She previously served as political director for twice elected California Governor Gray Davis, Deputy CEO for the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, California political director for Gore/Lieberman, as well as western political director for the White House Office of Political Affairs under President Bill Clinton. A lifelong Democrat, Pasquil served as a member of the Democratic National Committee from 2003-2009.

In addition to working with California' and Washington's heaviest political hitters, she has also worked as a strategic consultant for IBM's national state and local government sales team, and vice president for MSHC Partners, Inc.

Throughout her career, Mona is most proud of her work mentoring California's youth to become more active in their communities. A trailblazer for California Filipinas and all Asian Pacific Islanders, she is the founding president and current volunteer of the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project of California, an organization dedicated to increasing API involvement in California policy. Pasquil also serves on the Board of Directors for My Sister's House, a safe haven for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She has served as a past chair of the Asian Pacific Legislative Staff Caucus, and past president of the Angel Island Immigration Station Historical Committee.

The daughter of a gifted jazz pianist and community volunteer who grew up listening to all-night jam sessions, Mona loves to sing. She loves to give back and trains for a Grand Canyon hike or marathon to fight cancer and raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Mona lives in the Sacramento River Delta with Chris and their dog Manny.

**May 18 (SANDIA)  
12:00 p.m.  
B940 R1103**

**Noodle Contest**

**May 19 (LLNL)  
11:45a.m.  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
B543 Auditorium**

**APAC Scholarship Award Ceremony  
Judge Nguyen Trong Nho of Orange County**



Before coming to the United States in 1975, Judge Nho Trong Nguyen was one of the most prominent members of Congress in Vietnam and an Associate Justice on the Special Supreme Court of South Vietnam. As a congressman, he championed social and economic justice for the poor including the redistribution of land to farmers which was strongly supported by the US government to combat the communist propaganda. His work was featured in international documentary films, magazines and broadcast on major networks during the Vietnam War.

Nguyen began his new life in the United States as a handyman's helper. Never giving up on his dreams, he went to school at night and earned his M.B.A. from California Polytechnic University in Pomona in 1981 and a Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law in 1988. In 1995, California Attorney General Dan Lungren hired Nguyen as Deputy Attorney General to prosecute people who committed fraud against innocent citizens and consumers.

Since his appointment to the bench in 2000, Judge Nguyen has served as a trial judge at the Orange County West Justice Center (WJC) handling a criminal trial calendar, presiding over serious felony and misdemeanor cases, including three strike cases.

In 2002, Judge Nguyen was elected President of the California Asian American Judges Association. Judge Nguyen served as Secretary of the National Asian American Judges Association in 2005. The Board of Governors of the California State Bar recently appointed him Commissioner of the prestigious Commission on Access to Justice which serves to enhance the dispensation of justice in our court system.

**May 20 (LLNL)  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Bosquet Area (in front  
of Central Cafeteria)**

**APAHM Festival** *Featuring a variety of ethnic food including Filipino, Korean, Afghani, Indian and Chinese cuisines. Presentations by Touch of Polynesia and Classical Chinese Dances by Ling H. Wang*

**May 26 (SANDIA)  
9:00 a.m.  
904 Auditorium**

**Asian Manager Panel**

**May 27 (SANDIA)  
12:00 p.m.  
DISL Patio**

**APAHM Festival**

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